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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MAKING WOMEN VISIBLE 2005!**

### **Thursday, February 3, 2005**

Hartford-- Ann Bookman, Ph.D., Executive Director of the MIT Workplace Center of the MIT/Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, MA and Deborah Cuevas Hill of the National Partnership for Women and Families in Washington, D.C. will bring their expertise and research on Family & Medical Leave and other strategies for balancing work and family for today's workers. The state legislature's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), the Connecticut Women's Agenda (CWA), the CT Women's Health Campaign (CWHC) and the National Association of Women Business Owners-CT Chapter (NAWBO-CT) are collaborating to present the

### ***11th annual Making Women Visible Day***

### ***Balancing Work & Family***

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 – Press Conference -- 9:30 AM, Room 1A,**

**Legislative Office Building**

Joining Bookman at the press conference will be:

**Lt. Governor Kevin B. Sullivan**

**State Treasurer Denise Nappier**

**State Comptroller Nancy Wyman**

**Attorney General Richard Blumenthal**

**Deputy House Speaker Mary Fritz**

**Majority Leader Chris Donovan**

**Senator Gayle Slossberg, Senate Chair of the Veteran's Affairs Committee and  
Veteran's Affairs Commissioner Linda Schwartz, accompanied by women veterans  
Representing Governor M. Jodi Rell's office, Associate Legal Counsel Melinda  
Decker**

**PCSW Commission Chair Susan O. Storey, CT Deputy Chief Public Defender**

**PCSW Executive Director Leslie Gabel-Brett will moderate the press conference**

Following the press conference there will be a symposium featuring panel presentations on the following:

**Balancing Work and Family: dependent care and family leave**

*Room 1B, Legislative Office Building 11 AM - 12:30 PM*

- CT House of Representatives Majority Leader Christopher Donovan
- Ann Bookman, Ph.D., Executive Director, MIT Workplace Center, MIT/Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, MA
- Deborah Cuevas Hill, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, D.C.
- Heidi Lane, Principal Attorney, CT Department of Labor
- Beverley Brakeman, Citizens for Economic Opportunity
- Kyra Nesteriak, Government Affairs Manager, CT Business & Industry Association
- Molly Rees Gavin, CT Community Care, Inc.
- Moderator: Tanya Meck, PCSW Commissioner and former Chair of the PCSW

**Medical Malpractice: ensuring access to women's health care, Room 1C, Legislative Office Building 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

- Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Mary Fritz
- State Department of Insurance Commissioner Susan Cogswell
- Julia A. Cron, MD, OB/GYN
- Lucille Janatka, President and CEO of Midstate Medical Center
- Moderator: Cindy Slane, PCSW Vice-Chair

**Women Business Owners: developing successful microenterprises, Room 1D, Legislative Office Building 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

- State Representative Diana Urban
- Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Smith-Turner
- Regina Mead, Owner of Paragon Slate Company, Monroe CT and National Association of Women Business Owners--CT Chapter (NAWBO-CT) President-Elect
- Melinda Decker, Associate Legal Counsel, Office of Governor M. Jodi Rell
- Moderator: Adrienne Farrar Houel, PCSW Commissioner

This day will be a public policy day for NAWBO-CT members, and the CT Women's Health Campaign will have display tables in the lower concourse.

The PCSW was established by the CT General Assembly in 1973. The Commission studies all matters concerning women, informs leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, serves as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, promotes consideration of women for governmental positions and works with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women. The Connecticut Women's Agenda comprised of approximately 25 organizations was initiated by the PCSW to provide an opportunity for groups that work on women's issues to share information and ideas.

**For more information regarding the day's activities, contact the PCSW at 860-240-8300.**

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